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DIVISIONAL APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of Serial No. 10/280,925, filed on October 25, 2002 entitled **IN-BAND-FLAT-GROUP-DELAY TYPE DIELECTRIC FILTER AND LINEARIZED AMPLIFIER USING THE SAME** by the following inventor(s):

1. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the prior application; including the specification, claims, drawings, a signed oath or declaration, and any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application. (It is noted that no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.) The continuing application is as follows: 27 pages of specification, 40 claims, 1 page of abstract, 29 sheets of drawings, and 5 pages of oath or declaration.
- ☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
2. ☒ Cancel original claims 1-22 of this application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
3. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED

| NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | | RATE | FEE |
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| TOTAL CLAIMS: 18 -20 | 0 | x | \$18.00 | 0.00 |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 1 -3 | 0 | x | \$86.00 | 0.00 |
| | | | BASIC FILING FEE: | \$770.00 |
| | | | TOTAL FILING FEE: | 770.00 |

- ☐ Small entity status is claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27.
4. ☒ Payment of fees:
☒ Attached is a check in the amount of 770.00
☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725.
5. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2725.
6. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line of the first page the paragraph:

"This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 10/280,925, filed October 25, 2002, which is a divisional application of 09/618,714, filed July 18, 2000, which application(s) are incorporated herein by reference."
7. ☐ A set of formal drawings (sheets) is enclosed.
8. ☒ Priority of three applications, Serial No. 11-207633, filed on July 22, 1999 in Japan, Serial No. 11-297776, filed on October 20, 1999 and Serial No. 2000-068304, filed March 13, 2000, are claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- ☒ The certified copies have been filed in prior application Serial No. 09/618,714, filed July 18, 2000.
9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. located at 1006, Oaza Kadoma, Kadoma-shi, Osaka 571-8501 Japan.
10. ☒ The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:

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Minneapolis, MN 55402-2215
11. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

☐ Fee for excess claims is attached.
12. ☐ A petition and fee has been filed to extend the term in the prior application until . A copy of the petition for extension of time in the prior application is attached.
13. ☐ The inventor(s) in this application are less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventors identified above for the prior application be deleted:
14. ☐ A Nonpublication Request under 37 CFR 1.213(a) is enclosed.
15. ☒ Also Enclosed: Application Data Sheet, Information Disclosure Statement and Form 1449
16. ☒ Address all future communications to the **Attention of Douglas P. Mueller** (may only be completed by attorney or agent of record) at the address below.

17. ☒ A return postcard is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: January 16, 2004

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Mueller", written over a horizontal line.

Douglas P. Mueller
Reg. No. 30,300
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